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Since avowed anarchists are the enemies of all government, they should not be invested with citizenship in the United States nor permitted to lead in this country.

The county commissioners of Bucks county will appoint a successor to the late Amos B. Headley as trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane, located at Norristown. Henry W. Confort, of Fullington; Frank F. Bell, of Bristol, and Dr. A. H. Clayton, of Richboro are declared to be aspirants for the honor.

Assemblyman I. R. Haldeman in his Harleysville News disposes of the report that he is a candidate for Mercantile Approver in the following words: "Haldeman is not a candidate for Mercantile Approver. His name in connection with the appointment was used without authority. The defeated candidate for Sheriff is not hungry for bones."

Small's Legislative Hand Book for this year will be supplied to all the schools in the state, 25,000 having been sent by the state printer to the department of public instruction for distribution. As Small's Hand Book is an authority on state government, it will prove convenient and useful as a reference book in the schools.

The statement of Col. James E. Barnett, Treasurer of the State for the month ending November 30th, is a most gratifying exhibit. There are nearly five millions dollars in the Treasury, and this too, notwithstanding the fact that all the school appropriations of five million dollars to the public schools for the past year have been paid. The Democratic and Inaugural howls about treasury raids have little force in the face of such statements as are annually issued by the Treasurer. The efforts to convince the public of fraud in this case is like trying to argue a wolfed man into the belief that he is hungry.

Senator Penrose is to be chairman of the Committee on Immigration in the Senate. He has announced that he proposes to introduce a bill on the lines of the Gentry act, providing further restrictions against the importation of Chinese laborers. This bill will be so framed as to make it next to impossible for Chinese to come to this country to take the places of American workmen. The other bill will be on the lines of the Lodge immigration bill, providing for an educational test for all immigrants who desire to come to this country. The bill will have for its purpose the stamping out of anarchy by shutting our doors to all undesirable persons from foreign lands.

After looking over the Bristol Gazette of last week one would think the lower end anticipated running away with the whole Republican ticket next year. With three candidates for State Senator and two for Assembly the section of the county will undoubtedly make a good showing at the next Republican convention.

The editor of the esteemed Quakertown Times, judging from the above, evidently is of the opinion that the "lower end" is clamoring for more than an unselfish disposition should warrant. But such is not the case. The Senatorial nomination, for the first time in eight years, now falls to this section of the county. One Assemblyman we are always entitled to. We will acknowledge there is considerable "doing" in this section, but it is all because there are so few holes for the greater number of pigs.

Prior to the recent election in Philadelphia the North American editorially called attention to the alleged fact that a certain newspaper (presumably the Record) was acting the part of a traitor in the reform camp by submitting its editorials to Mayor Ashbridge for official approval. The Wanamaker organ at that time said it was framed from a complete error because it was feared the cause of the Union party would thereby suffer, but that as soon as the election was over the publicity as detailed would be given and the guilty paper identified and branded in true North American style. Although it has been a month since the election the Wanamaker organ has been as silent as the tomb upon the subject, and the public has come to the conclusion that the North American was indulging in a form of attempted blackmail similar to the Wanamaker-English episode.

Our readers, just now, are probably experiencing in greater or less degree, their annual perplexity as to the selection of Christmas gifts. There are some serene souls who unconsciously purchase for this purpose whatever at the last moment they can conveniently lay their hands upon; and there are calm and prudent people, who make out their list and deliberately choose long in advance of the occasion. And there are those whose tastes are fastidious or peculiar, those who find it difficult to make slender means accomplish their generous designs, and these, with an almost infinite variety of other forms of perplexity, make up a large proportion of the Christmas community. Christmas giving is a beautiful custom, with all its abuses, and in spite of its many absurdities. In fact, the suitable selection of gifts is an art. It requires discrimination and a nice perception of the fitness of things. A gift is twice valued into which care, thought and a happy perception as to its fitness have entered. But a gift in which the value is limited to its usefulness or cost, is almost an impertinence. It looks like charity, as if the recipient were in need of it, or it asserts indelicately that he or she has no tastes, nor individuality worth consulting. But it is to the generous donor, to whom Heaven has sent scant means and many relatives that Christmas brings its greatest perplexity and its best reward. To spend out of one's abundance is nothing; but to calculate and spend, to hope and yet fear, to twist, to plan, to manage, to triumph over adversity, are conditions of gift-making which bestow upon gifts their best quality and highest significance. But Christmas gifts, generally, prove blessings more often to givers than receivers; and to both they open hearts, they cherish affections, they remove asperities, they supply pleasant memories for all the year.

The Philadelphia newspapers are being surfeited with masses of ridiculous articles alleging to be faithful representations of political affairs in Bucks county. The North American and Record have contained articles that are amusing contrivances in this direction. These two papers appear to have correspondents in this county who make specialties of contriving ludicrous situations and palming them off on the papers as "news." If the political letters from other counties are as unworthy of credence as those written from Bucks for the Record and the North American, then they are absolutely unreliable. The following is a sample of the Record's Doylestown correspondent's dream:

Joseph R. Grundy, of Bristol, is looking forward to representing this district in Congress, and having the wealth to enter into any ordinary desire and the youth to bid his time, believes that if he expects to achieve his ambition the idea that Congressman Wanger has a life membership in the lower House at Washington should be shattered. It is believed that Grundy will not be a candidate himself next year, but that another Bucks Congressman will enter the race, and thus break Wanger's strength in this part of the district.

Every person who knows anything at all about political affairs in this county knows that nothing whatever could tempt Mr. Grundy to be a candidate for office, and that he has no more desire to represent this district in Congress than the Pope of Rome has to be Burgess of Perkiomen.

Congressman Wanger was a loyal, earnest and strenuous supporter in Mr. Grundy and the Briarcliff will continue to be such as long as Mr. Wanger will consent to be a candidate for the office.

These are facts and if there are any anti-Wanger Republicans in Bucks who have been dreaming of a Wanger-Grundy breach, they might as well let their pigs go out.

If there is a spot in the whole county that should be marked for enduring memorative distinction that place is Valley Forge, in our neighboring county. There, where Washington's ragged, bare-footed and hungry troops camped while their patriotic hearts steamed to deeds of valor under the most distressing circumstances; there where the bleats of winter served but to feed the flames of patriotism; there is where the memory of the departed heroes can be honored by preserving and beautifying the neglected grounds, which will ever be linked with the thoughts of those who fought and died that this country might be free and independent. We have profited beyond the dreams of avarice by reason of the action of our forefathers and it is a small national tribute to pay to their memories. The Collegeville Independent says:

It is announced that Senator Penrose and Representative Wanger will soon introduce bills for the acquisition of Valley Forge and its incorporation into a national park, as a memorial of one of the most historic places in Revolutionary days. The bill will have for its purpose the stamping out of anarchy by shutting our doors to all undesirable persons from foreign lands.

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An Oklahoma admission bill was one of the first measures introduced at the opening of Congress. This is one of the evidences, of which there are many, that the admission movement is popular. In the bill just introduced there is a stipulation that the Indian Territory shall be annexed to Oklahoma as soon as the lands now held by the Indians become taxable, providing Congress favors annexation. The plan to unite the two territories has strength. Undoubtedly Congress will take kindly to this plan. A single state for the two territories would make a big commonwealth, and would not be open to the opposition which was brought against some of the other states at their entrance.

Owing to the fusion vote in Berks that county will lose eight State delegates for the next Democratic convention. Last year Berks county had 19 delegates and this year there will be only 11. Editor Spatz, of the Boyertown Democrat says: "If the Democratic State leaders continue to hunch to the Republican side above a few more times, we'd have no state delegates at all."

"Let Berks county elect such men as State delegates to the next State convention who will get up in morning and put their foot on any movement to sell out the party to a Wanamaker agent or any other Republican aid show. It is time we assert our independence."

Harry Neumann, of Perkiomen, notifies the Gazette that he will be a candidate for the Assembly nomination for the upper district at the next Republican convention and states that he makes the early announcement in order that his candidacy may be carefully considered.

Sounds a Little Moserousque.

North Wales Record.

A political party is—or should be—an organization for the promotion of certain principles of public policy, which principles may be either permanent or ephemeral.

Written for the Gazette.

Reverent.

Oh, scion of heroic stock

Who won thy country from the sea

And, later, brooded oppression's shock

By Alva hurled against the free.

The blood that flowed through Egmont's veins

(By treachery shed for Fatherland)

In thee has no degenerate strain;

As brave as his, thy own right hand.

Thy friendship for black Washington

Proves to thee that world's skin;

"THE ILLS OF PENNSYLVANIA." Herbert Welsh, in his literary production, "City and State," reviews Judge Penney's defense of Pennsylvania and makes an attempt at rebuttal. Mr. Welsh, at the opening, concedes the judge's reply to be most interesting.

"We say interesting because from a historical and literary standpoint it is marked by the thorough knowledge of the history of Pennsylvania and the charm of style which characterize everything which comes from Judge Penney's pen. But as an effective answer to the main point of attack the reply is harmless."

Judge Penney's article was a defense of the Quay administration in Pennsylvania, yet Mr. Welsh turns around and accuses the administration in Philadelphia of surrendering the gas works—

which, he says, was one of the most valuable assets the city possessed. Surely Mr. Welsh knows that the gas plant was released by an administration that was entirely hostile to Senator Quay and attentively friendly to John Wanger, maker. The "City and State" editor declares that political life in Pennsylvania today offers no inducements to the young man of independent thought, who is willing to serve his State but insists on being his own master and in keeping his hands clean.

The young man of steadfast and upright principles has just as much opportunity for political recognition and advancement in Pennsylvania as anywhere in the Union. In every county in the State will be found young men who are honored by their parties and respected by their constituents. It is a matter of political history that every decade has its scurrying, carping and malicious malcontents who seek to overthrow the political fabric in power. It is a mild form of Cosmogonism, and has been prevalent since the days of Washington. Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln, Grant and men of lesser political fame have been victims of "The Ills of Pennsylvania."

"City and State" and the anonymous writer in the "Atlantic Monthly" would have the people of today believe that this State has been pillaged by Senator Quay, who is at the head of a band of brigades, and that the honor of the Commonwealth has been outraged since the present powers gained control.

The story is an old one. New faces and new garments have been added only. Simon Cameron was likewise flayed, and became the object of similar malignant assaults. The criticisms descended to the son, J. Donald Cameron, and later to Senator Quay.

An intelligent public places little confidence in the tales of the professional reformer, who is ever ready to attack and attempt to unsettle the existing order of things.

Death of John Johnson.

John Johnson, one of the most prominent business men of the lower section of Bucks county, died suddenly at his home in Halmerville, where he was on a Sunday morning. Mr. Johnson had been slightly ill for about a week, but no serious results were apprehended from his sickness. About five o'clock on Sunday morning Mr. Johnson awoke and complained of feeling very ill. The clerk in his store, who had been rooming with him, summoned Mr. Johnson's daughter and went for Dr. Paxson. The physician was unable to do any serious work, and the patient died about ten minutes later. Though conscious when the doctor arrived he suddenly dropped back dead upon his bed before the physician could administer any thing to aid him. His death is presumed to have been due to heart failure, following acute indigestion.

Mr. Johnson was born in Bensalem township, on January 11, 1828, and was consequently in his 74th year. He was a son of Clark and Rachel Grim Johnson, and is the last of the family, his elder brother, Jesse Johnson, having died last September from a similar ailment about a week after returning home from England. His father was a prominent man and influential Democratic politician and served a term as County Commissioner. John Johnson was educated in the public schools and spent his younger days on his father's farm. In 1860 he went from Bensalem to Halmerville, where he went into mercantile business and became prominently identified with the industrial enterprises of the place. Mr. Johnson was a public spirited citizen and much of the town's development is due to his tireless business energy.

In politics Mr. Johnson was an unflinching Democrat and an able and trusted leader in the party. He was twice elected to county office, in 1884 as a minority member of the Board of County Commissioners, and in 1890 as a member of the Board of Poor Directors. Mr. Johnson was a successful merchant and carried on a large business at his Halmerville store. In 1895 Mr. Johnson married Mary Ann, daughter of the late Garrett V. Scott. They had three children. Miss Gertrude J. Johnson, of Halmerville, and Wilmer H., of Halmerville, still survive. The son, Harry V. Johnson, was killed last summer in the explosion of the steamer "City of Trenton" on the Delaware river. Mrs. Johnson's death occurred about twenty years ago.

Mr. Johnson was a member of Nesheim Lodge, No. 422, I. O. O. F., and also belonged to the Knights of Pythias. He enjoyed the confidence of the community in every way, and was a person of placed implicit faith in his honesty. He was Treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Halmerville; Treasurer of the Halmerville National Bank; Director of the Langhorne National Bank and held other positions of trust in that vicinity.

He was one of the founders and officers of Beechwood Cemetery Company, Halmerville. He was one of the incorporators of the Doylestown Publishing Company and for several years served in the Board of Directors.—Doylestown Democrat.

FOR STATE SENATOR.
WILLIAM C. WAYNE,
OF BRISTOL TOWNSHIP.

Subject to the rules of the Republican party.

FOR ASSEMBLY,
(Lower District.)
GEORGE W. STRAUSS,
OF BRISTOL BOROUGH.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

FOR ASSEMBLY,
(Lower District.)
OSCAR P. CHAMBERLAIN,
OF TULLYTOWN BOROUGH.

BASKET BALL NOTES.

| STANDING OF THE CLUBS. | Won | Lost | P. C. |
|------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| Bristol | 11 | 3 | .786 |
| Trenton | 8 | 4 | .667 |
| Millville | 8 | 5 | .615 |
| Candler | 6 | 6 | .500 |
| New York | 3 | 8 | .273 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 11 | .088 |

Another Victory Plucked From Trenton. In the presence of about twelve hundred people Bristol won a close game from Trenton at the auditorium by the score of 22 to 19. The Jerseymen came down with the grudge determination of repeating the victory which they won here on October 29 by the score of 21 to 17, and at the same time revenge themselves for the defeat Bristol administered in Trenton.

On from four to Trenton the fastest game that team has ever played here, and a new centre play was introduced which worked well, and it had not been for the superb work of the Bristol guards the visitors score would have been greater. Bennett's playing of Lindsay, the speediest man of Trenton team, was an exhibition of basket ball probably never equalled. It should be taken into consideration that the visitors score would have been greater, Bennett's playing of Lindsay, the speediest man of Trenton team, was an exhibition of basket ball probably never equalled. It should be taken into consideration that the visitors score would have been greater.

Though during the game had but one goal. Such would not have been the case if Cooper did not deliberately foul every time Hough went up the floor with the ball. Hough was repeatedly held when he had scored four times, and the result was penalized eight times for such tactics. Notwithstanding all of the breaking of the rules by Trenton Bristol scored an equal number of field goals and three more goals were scored by the visitors. Trenton was never in the lead and at the end of the first half the locals led by the score of 15 to 9.

In the second half Everingham had completely winded Enderbrook and the Trenton centre was compelled to retire. Stronger, the ruffian, also gave way to Harrison. Although Bristol had Shields in reserve the services were not needed, and Bristol finished the game with the original five. The line-up:

| Bristol | Positions | Trenton |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Klein | forward | Stout |
| Hough | forward | Lindsay |
| Everingham | centre | Riley, Enderbrook |
| Bennett | guard | Cooper |
| Paxson | guard | Harrison, Stinger |

Goals from field—Klein 5, Hough 1, Everingham 2, Bennett 2, Stout 3, Lindsay 1, Enderbrook 2. Goals from offence—Everingham 10, Stout 7. Offences—Hough 1, Everingham 4, Plant 5, Enderbrook 4, Stinger 6, Cooper 8. Referee—Wharton.

Bristol Swamped.

Bristol National League team went to Millville last night and the latest reports indicate that they are trying to find their way home. The South Jerseymen put it on from four to Trenton and the result was a 42 to 23. Bennett and Everingham were both absent, and although Shields was in the game there is nothing on the blackboard to indicate that he was for Bristol. The line-up:

| Bristol | Positions | Millville |
|---------|-----------|------------|
| Klein | forward | Hitchcock |
| Shields | forward | Bonhoff |
| Miller | centre | Hough |
| Plant | guard | Reick |
| Plant | guard | H. Wallace |

Goals from field—Klein 5, Muller 1, Hough 1, Plant 1, Wallace 3, Bonhoff 3, Reeves 5, Wallace 4, Reick 1. Goals from offence—Klein 7, Hitchcock 6, Offences 10, Hough 4, Miller 3, Klein 1, Shields 1, Bonhoff 2, Hitchcock 5, Wallace 4, Reeves 1. Referee—Smallwood.

Basket Ball Notes.

Field goals were scarce.

New York Saturday night.

Bristol's thermometer dropped .60 degrees last night.

Bristol won on free throws, as each team got six field goals.

Skout eluded Plant long enough to make three goals from field.

Everingham sent Enderbrook to the dressing room, as usual.

Hough and Klein were played hard and as a result the little forwards got but one goal.

Bristol and Burlington, neighboring villages, the teams that lead the two big leagues.

And Bristol was not even tired. As usual it was Trenton that had to stop for a breathing spell.

At last the Quakers have shaken the hoodoo and broken the string of .000 in the percentage column.

Captain Klein should provide Shields with a megaphone, it would aid in finding when the latter is on the side lines.

Cooper could probably hold Hough tighter if he used grappling hooks, instead of using both hands to hold the Bristol forward.

In the last few minutes of play in the Trenton game it was according to Shields' instructions that Hough played with the ball, thus killing time.

Lindsay is credited by Manager Riley with being the fastest man on the Trenton team, but Bennett held him down to a single field goal, while the blonde Bristol guard made two himself.

The next four games to be played at the auditorium are as follows: Saturday, December 14, New York; Tuesday, December 17, Camden; Wednesday, January 1, Trenton; Saturday, January 4, Camden.

Manager Riley kicked because Trenton was penalized 17 times and Bristol but 10. He should not lose sight of the fact that disproporition is even greater than that when the tactics of the two teams are compared.

"Sandy" Shields was on hand, and coaxed the boys on the side line. Shields is still a little green but he has been practicing this week and is rounding into form. As the season wears it will be found that "Sandy" will be a mighty handy man to have on hand.

There is but one criticism to be made of Hough and that is that he will not pass the ball when the occasion demands. Twice on Saturday Klein was uncovered under the basket and cutted for the ball when Hough had it but the youngster would not let go.

Bristol's splendid physical condition is due to the fact that the members of the team are young fellows who use neither tobacco nor liquor and are always in perfect training. Never is the game too fast for the team and they are at their best when the game reaches the whirlwind order.

The sporting editor of the Evening Telegraph had better become acquainted with current events. He is still wondering as to the whereabouts of "Sandy" Shields. For the benefit of Mr. Naylor someone should notify him that Shields' residence is Bristol and that he was on hand at the game Saturday.

Referee Wharton, who made his first appearance in Bristol on Saturday, after the game with the Bristol players were the most gentlemanly set of fellows he ever saw in a game. He thought that Bristol would fail to win the pennant because the men were too tight to give the "rough" tactics which the other teams indulge in.

If you would have an appetite like a badger and a reliable way to meet take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price, 25 cents. Samples free, at all druggists.

The End of a Controversy.

Editor Gazette.—Your Fallington correspondent takes up quite a little space in your columns replying to my denial of a previous misstatement from his pen and in so doing convinces me, that the courtesy I extended to him in the doubt, by giving him the benefit of the doubt by me, was misplaced, for his own statement proves that the information he based the objectionable article on, was that the Union party friends exultingly informed him that Judge Yerkes would get a big vote in Lower Falls because Committeemen Collins was favorable to him."

Whereupon I stated "merely as a matter of news," that I had "openly" now sir I submit to you and your intelligent readers, that a man who can write as good an article as the last one is has enough intelligence to know that being "favorable to Judge Yerkes" was not in any sense "openly" working for the Democratic ticket, therefore I assert that he and he alone is responsible for the false impression his article conveyed, and if he had simply told that I was favorable to Judge Yerkes he might have given his State Legislature, and did it, I felt, that all Lower Falls unchallenged by me, and your correspondent disclaims any acquaintance of me I want to say to him, that I have no desire to hide behind Judge Yerkes' name, but I should like to make my denial absolutely true. I did not work even for Judge Yerkes openly or secretly, for while I was unanimously chosen to fill the position of Township chairman by the best element of the best of our citizens, a very large majority of whom went to Doylestown to secure the defeat of the Quay candidates for the State Legislature, and did it, I felt, that all Lower Falls unchallenged by me, and your correspondent disclaims any acquaintance of me I want to say to him, that I have no desire to hide behind Judge Yerkes' name, but I should like to make my denial absolutely true. 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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

The Rev. E. Teaz, of Liverpool, England, was the guest of William Crichton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan R. Penrose, of Quakertown, were in Bristol yesterday, the guests of Postmaster and Mrs. E. W. Minster.

The sewing school connected with the M. E. Church will hold a bazaar in the Pythian Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Miss Leathman, daughter of A. P. Leathman, of Doylestown, has secured a position with Gillette & James as stenographer and typewriter.

Last Sunday Dr. Allison of the Presbyterian Church celebrated the fourth anniversary of his pastorate here. Dr. Allison is now the oldest pastor in Bristol.

Don't forget the lecture at the Baptist Church this evening. The pastor Rev. MacKay will give an illustrated lecture on the life and assassination of President McKinley.

Dominick Barrett, who is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad passenger service was severely burned about the face and hands on Monday by a gas explosion in one of the cars.

In seven sections of the Delaware Division Canal from Bristol to Mauch Chunk it has required 40 mules and horses to pull ice breakers in order to keep it open for coal boats bound for Philadelphia.

The Methodist Sunday school Christmas Festival will be held in the Chapel on Friday evening, Dec. 27. The regular Christmas service will be held in the church auditorium Sunday evening, Dec. 29.

Harry Quicksall, who for a number of years has been in the employ of the Delaware River Navigation Company has resigned and obtained a position with Thomas L. Lynn & Son, of Trenton, as shipping clerk.

At the meeting of Good Will Hosiery Co., No. 3, held on Tuesday evening, three applicants were elected to membership and one new applicant was received. The fair committee reported that the profits from the fair were \$890.00.

Mr. James Wright entertained the members of St. James choir at his residence on Radcliffe street last Friday evening. The rooms were beautifully decorated, the prevailing color being pink. Games were played and lunch was served.

List of letters remaining in the Bristol post office for the week ending December 12: A. Amato, Clinton St. King, N. P. Doughton, N. M. Morison, Peter Williams, Mr. Chas. Vandervelde, Mrs. Volkman, Mrs. Emma Vaudgort, Anna Morison.

Considerable complaint has been made because of the number of transient school children. In many cases parents are apparently powerless to compel attendance at school. The infliction of the penalty of the law in a single case would undoubtedly have a wholesome effect.

At a meeting of the directors of the Thomas B. Hines County Hospital, held last week the resignation of Jesse O. Thomas, Jr., as secretary and treasurer was accepted and James H. Brooks was elected to fill the vacancy. The change will take place on January 1.

A German dispatch to the Philadelphia Ledger states that the Rosedale Baptist Church is again without a pastor and that on Sunday Rev. E. A. Rook created a stir by resigning after a few weeks' service. The church has but a small salary and it is stated that Mr. Rook is offered a position in a Philadelphia store.

St. Paul's Mission, Rev. T. J. Garland, minister in charge, on Friday evening during Advent at 8 o'clock, services and addresses on the "Formation of Character." Sunday, Dec. 19, 10 o'clock, morning prayer and sermon, subject: "The Church in Thyria"; at 7:30, p. m., evening prayer and sermon, subject: "The Church in Sardis."

At the request of J. T. Bottomly, proprietor of the Highland, Westcott Mills, William V. Leach will give his illustrated lecture on "Ben Hur," in the Linden Baptist Church, Camden, on Wednesday evening. Mr. Bottomly is the teacher of a large bible class in the Sunday school and the entertainment is to be held under the auspices of his class and the Baptist Young Peoples Union.

While employed upon a scaffold in the Presbyterian Church the structure collapsed and carried down with it Charles Powell fell to the ground, a distance of about twenty feet. Men, tools and timber were piled in a heap. While not seriously hurt, Powell was considerably bruised, Powell having his head cut and ankle sprained.

The distinguished Bristol correspondent of the Doylestown Democrat says: "Today's message has received but slight attention and is but little discussed. The great question of the day is neither reciprocity nor the contemplated building of the Nicaragua canal, the suppression of anarchy, or the reclamation of the arid lands in the West—but, 'Will Bristol win the pennant?'"

In the window of C. E. Wilton, the artist on Mill street, is displayed a beautiful reproduction of a copyrighted picture of President McKinley. The picture will be presented to the school on Monday, Dec. 23. The picture is a faithful one, and is a reminder that traveling fakirs who present attractive schemes for the unwary should be shunned, as portrait work can be done promptly and honestly at home.

On last Friday afternoon while the P. R. E. shuffling engine was drilling some cars at the rolling mill, a peculiar accident occurred. While rounding a sharp curve at the corner of Canal and Washington streets, the bumpers between the tender of the engine and a box car buckled and the latter was thrown over the side. A brakeman named Warren McNally was on top of the box car when it was overturned, placed, but as the car went over he clung to the upper side and escaped without injury.

The Girls' Friendly Society of St. Paul's Mission will give a play and concert at Pythian Hall next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The play is called "The Advertising Girl." It is a burlesque on the poster girl found in the back of the magazines of the present day. Soap, oranges, skirt brand, shoe blacking and bicycles are represented by the various characters, who come out of the pages of the magazine, and descend to the level of human beings, as she tries to learn the mysteries of housekeeping, even while attending to her duties in the shape of landing the war's sea adventures.

The ordinance granting certain privileges to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in connection with the improvements and alterations to be made at this point will be introduced in Council at an adjourned meeting which will be held in the Council chamber on Monday, December 23. The draft of the ordinance provides for the opening and widening of Walnut street to Buckley, a permanent bridge over the canal and the paving, curbing and macadamizing of the new street. Provision is also made for the opening of a new street, paralleling the proposed track from Pine street to Bethlehem.

Will incorporate Under Pennsylvania Laws.

Application will be made under the general act of Assembly in this commonwealth for a charter for the Thomas L. Leedom Company for the manufacture and sale of carpets and rugs at Bristol. Charles Leedom, Samuel Thomas, Edwin C. Boers, Hannah A. Leedom and J. H. de Victor are the persons named as the incorporators. Just prior to the death of Thomas L. Leedom, the business was incorporated under the Laws of New Jersey.

Quarantine to be Raised.

The small-pox quarantine which has existed at the home of Charles Rogers, on Washington street will be raised on Monday. The two children who were afflicted have recovered and the house will be fumigated and articles of clothing and bedding will be burned under the direction of the Board of Health on Monday. It is indeed fortunate for the residents of the borough that the disease has been confined to the point of outbreak and it is no doubt due to the vigilance and quick action on the part of the health authorities that there was no spread of the contagion. The quarantine was imposed \$500 for use of the Board in order to properly care for the cases.

Newspaper Men to Banquet at Lansdale.

The executive committee of the Press League of Bucks and Montgomery counties has decided that the annual meeting and banquet of the League shall be held at the Trenton House, Lansdale, on Saturday afternoon and evening, January 25, 1902. A sub-committee consisting of A. K. Thomas, W. H. Johnson, W. F. Goettler, J. W. Harvey and N. M. Woodmansee has been appointed by the general executive committee to make arrangements for the enjoyable event among the newspaper fraternity. Last year's banquet was held in Doylestown. The league is composed of most of the newspaper men of the two counties. The league was organized in Ambler in the winter of 1896.

Death of a Former Bristolian.

Dr. Hiram B. Banes, aged 34 years, of Washington, D. C. formerly of Bristol, died suddenly at the home of his wife's parents in Virginia, on Sunday night, Dec. 8th. The deceased spent his boyhood in Bristol and came to Washington about 18 years ago. His father, Samuel P. Banes was a soldier in the civil war and an active member of Henry Clay Beatty Post, No. 73, G. A. R., at the time of his death. He was employed in the position of department clerk at Washington and met his death several years ago in the collapse of Ford Theatre building which was being used temporarily as a residence office. Dr. Banes was a Pharmacist in his early manhood and subsequently entered as a student of medicine at the Jefferson College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1892. He resided in the city of Washington for several years ago. Last winter he spent a month among relatives in Bristol and returned home in apparent good health. A month ago he passed a successful physical examination and was expected an early appointment as government physician. Impaired health necessitated a rest and he went to the home of his wife's parents in the south western part of Virginia to recuperate. His relatives here had but recently heard of an improvement in his condition and the dispatch which announced his death came as a sudden shock. The deceased was a devoted husband and father, and leaves a large number of relatives and friends in Bristol to mourn his loss. He is survived by a wife and a child.

Special Meeting of Improvement Company Directors.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol Improvement Company was held at the office of B. F. Gilkeson Esq., on last Thursday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the proposed canal caused by the death of Anne B. Headley, the late president of the company. Andrew Schaffer was called to the chair and after a sympathetic statement by the secretary, George A. Schomaker, regarding the sudden death of Mr. Headley the following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted:

The Board of Directors of the Bristol Improvement Co. desire to place on record their appreciation of the services of the late President of this Company. The sudden death of this gentleman, leaving behind him a family and friends, has intensified our sorrow and added to our loss.

By the death of our lamented President, Anne B. Headley, this Company loses a faithful member of the Directory since 1894 and President since 1900; one whose duties were discharged with dignity and honor, and whose character for integrity, both as a person and as a member of the Company's affairs, those matters which came under his supervision received that careful and judicious attention, which was so characteristic of him. His sterling qualities which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and his devotedness to his duties, cause his death to be felt by the entire Borough as a personal bereavement; and they sympathize deeply with the community at large, and with his family, to whom they offer their tenderest condolences, earnestly invoking for them the support of higher consolation.

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On Monday evening, December 9, a delegation of six knights from Northern Star Chapter, No. 124, Ancient Order of Knights of the Mystic Chain, paid a fraternal visit to Bristol Castle No. 103, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Addressed by D. S. S. J. Sheppard, P. O. John Booz, Select Trustees J. O. Adams, P. C. H. S. Roe and S. E. L. & P. C. H. S. Roe, and P. C. George B. Heath, of 121, and several others of both orders.

A delegation of the members of the Hermione Lodge, 109, E. F. W., went to Trenton last Monday evening to attend the reception of "Miss Caliente," the Pythian Goat. Miss Caliente started from the mountains of Maine and will journey over the United States to San Francisco where she will receive the membership of the Supreme Lodge that will attend there the August 1902. She came from New York to Trenton. When she enters Pennsylvania there is no doubt she will find Hermione lodge a visit.

Jacob Molden is ill at his home on Mansion street, where he is recovering from the effects of a surgical operation.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

POLICE OFFICER ROBERTSON—R. R. DORRANCE. ANNOUINCED. MESSING—\$250. MESSING FOR SMALL POX CASE—DR. WEAVER'S BILL PAID—ROBERTSON. The regular monthly meeting of council was held in the council chamber on Monday evening. In anticipation of the introduction of the railroad ordinance there was a large gathering of spectators who filled the lobby. The visitors were disappointed as beyond an informal discussion of some of the proposed features of the ordinance, there was nothing of consequence to the proposed legislation, but notice was given that the matter would be introduced at an adjourned meeting on the 23rd inst. All members of the council were present excepting Hooding, of the Trenton ward. The minutes of the last regular and special meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Wright, of the street committee reported progress upon the matters referred to that committee.

The Police committee made the following report:

Bristol, Dec. 7th, 1901.

To the President and Members of Council, Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, Police committee of Council, beg leave to report to your Honorable Body that the matter of the payment of the officer's uniform. We asked to have the matter continued until the next meeting of the council as they desire to have a full day this month on account of the coming holidays. The committee have taken action respecting the case of Officer McFadden and have decided to suspend him for 20 days from the 3rd to the 22nd inclusive. A repetition of the same offense on his part to be followed by instant dismissal. The officers made four arrests in the month of November, all of which on the charge of drunkenness. The officers reported 25 street lights out, 2 and 3 in need of mending. The number of tramps lodged in the station house in the month of November was 267.

Very Respectfully,
William K. Fine,
M. Linsley.

The Finance committee reported an ordinance reducing the license fee for the basket ball auditorium from \$50 to \$25 per annum.

Chairman Wright of the street committee, at request of the borough attorney, notified the members that the railroad ordinance was not yet in shape for presentation and it was decided that an adjourned meeting be held on the 23rd inst. when the first reading of the ordinance would be given. Upon motion the whole matter was referred to the street committee to report the ordinance at a subsequent meeting. When the Police committee's report came up for adoption Mr. Wright filed objections to the lenient manner in which Officer McFadden had been dealt with. And declared that the policeman's repeated offenses were a disgrace calling for drastic punishment. Mr. Butler, of the police committee, called attention to the fact that the report did not contain his signature and was submitted to council without his approval.

Under the head of new business Mr. Wright reported that the Board of Health desired an additional appropriation of \$250 in order to properly finish up the work of the small-pox quarantine. Upon the motion of Mr. Fine, the bill was called and the amount appropriated.

Upon motion, the rules were suspended and the basket ball license ordinance was put upon final passage.

Mr. Allen, chairman of the Finance committee, requested that chairman of the various committees turn in all bills at the January meeting as it was desired to have no bills or proposals pending over into the next fiscal year as has heretofore been done.

A communication from the secretary of the Board of Health was read stating that the Board had decided to have the creek running through the Howell property, and the Mill race, from the pond to the canal opened sufficiently to let the water run off and prevent the overflow of the creek into the street.

President Scull re-appointed Neal J. McIlwaine as a member of the Board of Health from the fourth district for the full term of two years.

Upon motion of Mr. Poole, Dr. W. P. Weaver was granted permission to address council. Dr. Weaver said he asced the courtesy of the floor in order to refer to a bill of his medical colleagues, and a diligent patient about which there was a dispute at the last regular meeting.

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LOCAL MISCELLANY.

The price of corn is advancing steadily and some producers think the grain will soon be selling at \$1 per bushel.

The Newtown Enterprise says that Homer G. Hooding is being urged by his friends to become a candidate for the Assembly.

The W. H. Moon Company, near Morristown, have purchased fifty acres of land of John W. Sutphin, with the intention, it is understood, of enlarging their nurseries.

Not many years ago corn reached such a figure at a farmer's sale as it did on Tuesday at the big sale of Harvey Trine, near Fallington, when it sold for ninety cents a bushel.

The street committee of the Newtown borough council have expended all of the \$1500 appropriated to their department last spring, and have overdrawn their account about \$300.

Charles P. Stackhouse, one of the veteran abolitionists of this county, died at Trenton on last Thursday. He was 84 years old and had been in poor health for a long time. Some years ago he was the prohibition candidate for sheriff.

As a relaxation from his arduous editorial duties, George G. Fetterolf, of the Langhorne Standard, devotes his spare time to the raising of fancy pigeons. Last week he shipped three pairs of Archangels to H. Boyd, of St. Louis, Mo., for which he received \$25 per pair.

John Thomson, son of Thomas Thomson, of Ogoitz has "passed meeting" at Allington, and will shortly be married to Miss Elizabeth M. Watson, of Langhorne. Miss Watson has purchased the fine residence of John J. Morton, at Ashbourne, for \$20,000. This property the young couple expect to make their home.

Speaker Henderson, of the House of Representatives, has given Congressman Weaver, from the Bucks and Montgomery district, the chairmanship of the Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department, and has also assigned him to the important Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

These are fine days for playing golf at the Langhorne Country Club. The players are not many but full of enthusiasm. The dance in the casino on Saturday night was well attended, and a source of pleasure to the younger element. The dance was enjoyed by the Club boys. Langhorne's pond, enlarge it to twice the size (which could easily be done), build a comfortable waiting room on its bank, and thus add seating to its out-door sports.

At a meeting of the Newtown and Yardley Street Railway Company held on Wednesday, December 4th, at its office in Newtown, a reorganization was effected whereby the control of the company passed into the hands of the Lehigh Valley Traction Company, of Lehigh, Pa. The directors, with the guarantee that in assuming control of the road the new organization will complete the same within the time specified in the ordinances and agreements required by the company.

Because the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown is crowded beyond its capacity, Dr. Mary Wolf, resident physician of the women's department, suggested at the Trustees' meeting Friday that the harness lease be kept their premises. An additional building is not available, Governor Stone having vetoed all but a few thousand dollars appropriation. Dr. Wolf looks upon home care for the insane as the only feasible plan for relieving the overcrowded condition of the hospital. Three hundred and sixty-five patients are without proper accommodations, and sleep in corridors.

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School Board Will Investigate.

The regular monthly meeting of the public school board was held in the director's room in the high school building on last Thursday evening. The directors were: John K. Wildman, President; Harvey S. Roe, Secretary; Edward H. Foster, Treasurer; M. D. Harrison, William Bpoz, Dominick Barrett, Doran Owen.

The treasurer reported that all bills passed at last meeting had been paid and \$325.00 had been received from the delinquent tax collectors.

The library committee reported that the following books had been added to the school library, making the total volume 584. Ours: An Italian School boy's Journal, Wotton, Siegfried and Brumfield, (Juvenile), Jokey and the Chipmunk, (Juvenile), A Woman Tenderfoot, How to Enjoy Pictures, Two centuries of Pennsylvania History, Civil Government, Pretty Polly Perkins, (Juvenile), The Son of the Wolf, The Teaching of Ornament, Aunt Martha's Corner Cupboard, (Juvenile), The Schoolmaster, (Juvenile).

The President read a letter from the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg, which he had received in reply to one he sent asking for information regarding the reduction in the school appropriation. The reduction in the amount of state appropriation due the district of Bristol borough for the school year ending June 1901, is due to the fact that a new calculation was made on account of receiving a new list of taxable area of the territorial area of 1900. The aggregate number in the present being increased all districts having a corresponding increase in number of taxable received less appropriation than they did the previous year. The number of resident scholars in the district of Bristol borough after the triennial assessment of 1897 was 2030, the number returned in 1900 is 2028. It will be observed that the number is not in proportion to the general increase throughout the state and does not come quite up to the preceding return.

The calculation for Bristol borough is as follows: between 6 and 16 years of age at 1.43, \$1761.61; 17 years of age at 0.915, \$1855.62; 19 teachers at \$7.99, \$1094.21.

Total, \$4704.44

After the reading of the letter the board went into a general discussion of its contents. It was that the children in the territorial area of 1900 was fully accounted for in the number who attended the public schools and the parochial school, which left the two or three hundred children the age of 15 and 16 years, who are employed in the mills, wholly unaccounted for. Believing that a mistake has been made in triennial assessment the board decided to make an investigation and the president appointed a committee consisting of Doran Owen, M. D. Harrison and Harvey S. Roe, to go over the assessors' books and ascertain if the calculation for 1900 is correct. The committee will report at the next meeting.

The Superintendent reported that she had arranged to introduce a general course in gymnastics in the schools, including all departments, from the primary to the high school. Her action was endorsed by the board.

It was decided to close the school during the Christmas holidays from Dec. 24, 1901, to January 24, 1902. The Superintendent and janitors' salaries for month of November and the teachers' salaries for the school month ending December 2 were drawn and ordered paid. Bills amounting to \$232.76 were passed. The Superintendent submitted the following report for the school month ending December 22: Number enrolled, 787; greatest number present, 700; least number present, 486; average attendance, 579; per cent of attendance, 77; present every half day, 151; new pupils admitted, 15.

Chrysanthemums.
Carnations, roses and mums, 25c, 50c and \$1 per dozen, respectively. Maiden hair ferns, asparagus, Boston ferns, sunbair plants and large plants 10c, 15c and 25c each. Mr. Chrysanthemums roses and carnations are all my own growth, very large and on long stems. Call and see them grow and examine price and quality of stock before purchasing. Floral emblems of every description at short notice. J. T. DeWitt, Pond street, above Walnut.

Irrigation is a bigger subject than it was a year ago. The drought of 1901 was an object lesson, but the subject is a growing one apart from special circumstances.

"He's a man of no standing," remarked a passer-by of another, who had stopped down.

"What did you father leave you when he died, Fat?" "He left me an orphan."

"Sold out," he murmured to himself, at the fact of his best girl giving him a lift down from the front door steps.

"That makes your face look very short, Mrs. S." "That's funny! It makes my husband's look very long."

"Why did I ever marry?" she sighed, the drops of bitterness in her words. "Because I asked you," he responded, with a sardonic smile.

"How is Duffson getting on?" "Oh, he is growing rich by his pen." "Did he know he was a literary man?" He lent; he keeps rich.

"I am a self-made man," said the pompous individual with his chest expanded. The other looked at him critically. "Your excuse is satisfactory," he said.

"Ah, Miss Ethel, if I might be forever at your feet, fair one!" "Well—er—Mr. Spooner, you might try starting a shoe-shining business or turn chiropodist."

